[29th January 1936

Judgment of the High Court in the Cocanada Conspiracy Case.

* 540 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost incurred by the Government for the conduct of the Cocanada Conspiracy Case till the final stage;

(*b*) what the main heads of the said expenditure are and what the amount under each head is;

(*c*) what the cost incurred is on account of the appointment of the special Judge for the said conspiracy case;

(*d*) whether the Government have perused the judgment in the same and the observations of the learned Judges of the High Court therein;

(*e*) whether a copy of the judgment will be placed on the table; and

(*f*) what action the Government propose to take in future in the light of the observations contained in the judgment?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 539.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No. The judgment is a public document and the Government see no reason to place a copy of it on the table of the House.

(*f*) The observations in the judgment do not suggest any specific action on the part of the Government.

Prisons and Prisoners

Reasons for declining permission to K. Ramananda Choudari, prisoner, Madras Conspiracy Case, to sit for the Intermediate Examination of the Andhra University to be held in March 1936.

* 541 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what the reasons are for not permitting K. Ramananda Choudari, prisoner, Madras Conspiracy Case, to sit for the Intermediate Examination of the Andhra University as per G.O. Ms. No. 3248, dated 14th October 1935:—" The petitioner is informed that the Government decline to accede to his request that convict No. 1492, K. Ramananda Choudari, now confined in the Central Jail, Vellore, be permitted to sit for the Intermediate Examination of the Andhra University to be held in March 1936? "

A.—On considerations of jail discipline the permission was refused.

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—" May I ask my Hon. Friend whether this concession has not been granted to the civil disobedience prisoners in 1930 in connexion with the Andhra University examinations? "